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To: All Interested Parties

***ADDENDUM RE: Requests for Extension of Time to Submit Written Comments and for Continuation of the Public Meeting Regarding The Proposed Revision of the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Within the Central Valley Region***

This letter augments the letter distributed yesterday, 16 April 2003, regarding the above agenda item.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has received several letters and other comments expressing concern about the lack of comment time available for consideration of Item 10: Discharges from Irrigated Lands, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, scheduled for the Regional Board's April 24/25 meeting.

Those concerns are valid and shared by other Regional Board members. In addition, time for staff and the Regional Board to properly address and integrate public comments is extremely limited. The Regional Board has attempted to provide an open, reasoned process in its proceedings, and has done so by providing several public workshops and hearings, and it will continue to do so prior to making decisions on this matter.

As a result, after consulting with the Executive Officer, I have decided to extend the public comment period on this matter until 5 p.m., **Friday, 23 May 2003**, at which time the record will be closed and no further written comments will be accepted.

The Regional Board will still hold a hearing on Item 10 at the April 24/25 meeting as scheduled to hear the staff report and public comments. The Regional Board, however, will not take action with respect to the proposed revisions to the Conditional Waiver, but may take other actions as noticed, including giving additional direction to staff. The Regional Board will postpone action on the revisions to the Conditional Waiver until its meeting scheduled for **10/11 July 2003** in Sacramento.

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ROBERT H. SCHNEIDER  
Chair

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